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Application No.: 10/607,898

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7, 19, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 8, 12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Interview Summary

Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Ramy Osman participated in a telephonic interview on April 9, 2008 to discuss the present claim amendments. Agreement was reached, and Examiner Osman stated that the present claim amendments appeared to overcome the rejections of record.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1, 5-7, 19, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 and 5-7 are hereby cancelled. As suggested by the Office Action, claims 19, 21 and 22 are hereby amended to recite a "computer-readable <u>storage</u> medium," which is statutory subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

. Claims 1, 8, 12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 1 is hereby cancelled. Claim 12 is hereby amended to recite that the license is issued to the recipient and that the license comprises the decryption key, thereby contextualizing the license. Claims 8 and 19 are hereby amended to recite the words "encrypted" and "decrypted" prior to "decryption key" in order to clarify the appropriate state of the decryption key. Claims 8 and 19 are hereby amended to properly provide antecedent basis for "the content." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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